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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

	ORIGINAL DATE 1/24/07		
SPONSOR Lujan, B.	LAST UPDATED _____	HB 286	_____
	Making an Appropriation for Regional Planning		
SHORT TITLE Efforts in the Espanola Basin		SB _____	_____
		ANALYST Propst	_____

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$150.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Making an Appropriation for Regional Planning Efforts in the Espanola Basin.

House Bill 286 appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration to have Santa Fe County continue a forum on regional planning issues in the Espanola basin.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Through the offices of Santa Fe County, Los Alamos National Lab's Water Resources Technical Assistance Office has been conducting a forum on regional water and wastewater planning issues in the Espanola water basin. Participants include the host county, Los Alamos and Rio Arriba Counties, City of Espanola, the Eight Northern Pueblos (except Taos and Picuris) and the Pueblos of Santo Domingo and Cochiti. Out of the forum process, participants seek to create a regional water and wastewater authority.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

DFA reports that House Bill 286 supports area-wide water and wastewater planning, a goal shared by the administration and legislature alike.

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